GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2469
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PAYMENT TO RAILWAYS BY MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid by the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited to the Railwayson account of left behind, warfage demurrage and for other reasons during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 till date particularly in Talcher and IB areas ;

(b) the loss suffered by each mine of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited during the above period as a result thereof ;

(c) the action taken against the guilty management for this loss ; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to maintain austerity in the company ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b) Details of demurrage, left behind and wharfage paid by Mahanadi coalfields Limited to Railways in Talcher and IB coalfields are as under:

(Rupees in lakh)

COALFIELDS	AMOUNT PAID		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
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TALCHER	0.00	0.00	0.00
IB VALLEY	10.03	11.00	1.80 (under finalisation with Railway authorities)

The loss suffered is minimal as the amount per tonne of despatch works out to the tune of 2 to 3 paise only.

(c)&(d) MCL is making efforts to minimise the incidence of demurrage and left behind of wagons by

(i) Ensuring more supervision at the sidings.

(ii) Ensuring lesser mechanical break down of CHP/rake loading equipments.

(iii) Taking appropriate measures to ensure more availability of coal at sidings.

(iv) Cases of such deductions are examined in depth and suitable remedial measures are taken to avoid/minimise losses on such acts of omissions and commissions leading to demurrages.

As a result of the above steps taken, there has been substantial reduction in the current year so far as demurrages are concerned.